

Johnson Canyon Dam.

The Santa Fe Pacific Railroad Company have completed their new steel dam across Johnson canyon, east of Ash Fork. The dam is forty feet high and backs up the water for 3,000 feet. The dam is now full of water and the railroad company consider that they have a water supply that will last them a year.

The dam at Seligman has no water in it at present, and water is being hauled to that place from Ash Fork. The Seligman dam is the largest reservoir yet constructed by the Santa Fe Pacific and when filled will hold a two years' supply.

The Walnut canyon dam, southeast of this place, is still dry, but it is expected that the melting snows will fill it during the next few weeks. Fourteen miles of pipe line connect this dam with Angell.

All the pipe lines from the dams are gravity lines. The line from Johnson canyon to Ash Fork being seven miles long and from the Seligman dam to Seligman six miles.

It is said that these dams cost the railroad company nearly \$150,000, but that they will save the company that amount of money, should they be filled, within a year. The reservoir at Williams, the first experiment of the kind by the Santa Fe, and which cost \$50,000, has in the past three years saved the company several times its cost.

Death's Doings.

Mrs. Sarah Jones died in Prescott on Tuesday. She was a native of Wales and 74 years old.

W. D. Hanson died last Monday at the Sisters' hospital in Phoenix after a few weeks' illness.

C. M. Hall, of Mesa, last week fell from a doorstep, breaking his hip and sustaining injuries which caused his death.

Simeon Stacy, 50 years old and a well-to-do farmer, died at his residence, eight miles west of Phoenix, last Wednesday of hemorrhage of the lungs.

Frank Murrell, a native of Ireland, aged 57 years, died in the county hospital at Prescott last Saturday. He had been an inmate since last August.

Eugene Campbell died in Phoenix on Sunday. He had served on the police force of that city and had been a resident of Maricopa county for fifteen years.

Frank Saylor and family were bereaved on Saturday last by the drowning of their year-and-a-half-old baby in the ditch near their home, three and a half miles southeast of Tempe.

The man named Burr, thought to be insane, who was taken charge of by the officers recently and committed to the county hospital of Yavapai county, died there a few days ago of congestion of the brain.

The Mutual Life.

The annual report of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York just issued shows that company to have made noteworthy advances, as usual, in every department of its business. The assets on December 31, 1897, amounted to \$253,786,437, showing an increase for the year of \$19,042,289.24. The cash income for the twelve months aggregated \$54,162,607.23, and the disbursements for death claims, matured endowments, dividend and other accounts to \$36,124,060.99. The surplus fund from which dividends are now paid now amounts to \$35,508,134. With the growth of income it will be observed that a corresponding benefit is derived by those who hold the company's contracts. A brief presentation of the results of the year's business is the best tribute to the care and sagacity shown by the management of this great company. The Mutual Life in 1897 gained in assets, \$19,042,289.24; gained in premium income, \$3,099,787.79; increased its total outcome, \$4,459,912.96; increased its surplus, \$5,774,676.89, and decreased its expenses, \$146,178.31.